

## PASSIVE PROGRAM COMPLETION STATUS INDICATOR FOR AN ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE

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### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A line indicating the current time is displayed across at least a portion of an electronic program guide (EPG). The line is perpendicular to the time axis of the EPG and bisects at least one program element of the EPG into an elapsed portion and a remaining portion, each being proportional in size to the time periods represented thereby. The ratio of the elapsed time to the running time of the program is an indication of the completion status of the program. In certain implementations, the line bisects a plurality of elements of the EPG, allowing the user to immediately determine the completion status of a plurality of programs.